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## HUMBOLDT COUNTY SOLDIER SCHEME

Col. J. G. Scrugham, State Engineer, Plans First Nevada Unit for Soldier Settlement to Be Set Aside Near Here

Col. J. G. Scrugham, Nevada state engineer, is making plans for the completion of reconnaissance work on the Paradise Valley land segregation, where very attractive home-building possibilities exist, according to the data now on file in the state engineer's office. It is Col. Scrugham's plan to make this unit the first to be fulfilled under the soldier settlement scheme now afoot with the complete sanction of the national Republican administration and he hopes to have more than three hundred veterans on as many pieces of land within a reasonably short time. In fulfillment of this ambition, Col. Scrugham has asked and obtained the consent of his associates on the Owyhee board to divert the remainder of the fund set aside by the last state legislature for preliminary work on the Owyhee scheme to the Paradise undertaking. Twenty-five hundred dollars was set aside for the purpose and of this sum about one-half has been expended. It is believed that the unexpended portion is a sufficient amount to allow of making the determinations now sought by the state officials and early spring will see field parties at work north of this city where a 15,000-acre segregation will be mapped, divided into units and dam sites, diversions and canals tentatively fixed.

Associated with Col. Scrugham on the Owyhee board are Mayor T. A. Brandon of this city and J. T. Goodin of Lovelock, and both are enthusiastically supporting the plan to make Nevada's first soldier settlement project in this vicinity. Irrigation for the scheme will be derived in about equal measure from the flows of the Little Humboldt river and Martin Creek and the lands to be reclaimed are fertile, easy of cultivation and will be eagerly sought by ex-service men, hungry for the right to create homes for themselves and those who are dependent upon their efforts for a livelihood.

The Paradise Valley unit commences in the Toll House vicinity and extends in a northeasterly direction to the point where the Little Humboldt river enters Paradise valley.

### Weekly Luncheon—

Of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this week only on THURSDAY, MARCH 9, instead of its regular day, Wednesday, on account of the presence of Col. J. G. Scrugham, state engineer, who will talk about the Humboldt irrigation adjudication and the newly proposed soldier settlement plan. The public is invited to attend. Chamber of Commerce, Thursday, March 9, at noon.

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## WEEKLY LUNCHEON HAS ATTRACTION

The Postponed Wednesday Luncheon Is to Be Given Thursday and J. G. Scrugham Will Be Speaker of the Day

Word received in this city today asserts that George Wingfield, previously scheduled to talk at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon to be held Thursday noon, reached Reno last night from San Francisco and that he is not able to proceed on to this city to be the guest of honor at an occasion planned in a distinct manner for him. Mr. Wingfield has been seriously ill over a period of five months and although not able to travel at this time, strong hopes are held out that he will shortly enjoy the vigor that has been one of his leading characteristics.

Secretary Theodore Grady has secured Col. J. G. Scrugham to take Mr. Wingfield's place as the luncheon speaker and the attraction will suffice to bring out a big crowd of Winnemuccans anxious to hear a recounting of recent irrigation developments in this state as well as the projects promised for the near future. Of particular interest will be details of a plan to fix the first soldier settlement enterprise in this county.

Thursday's luncheon will be served by the ladies of the Episcopal Guild and the affair gives promise of being one of the most interesting and instructive put forward by the local commercial body.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN MONTHLY SESSION

Humboldt county's board of commissioners met yesterday and transacted the usual first-of-the-month affairs. These included the allowing of bills and the approval of county and township officers' reports.

The county commissioners also moved in the 1922 budget matter, naming C. D. Mackay to prepare estimates that will be considered at an early meeting and form the basis for figures that will govern in fixing the new tax rates. The budget prepared by the Winnemucca city officials was received by the board and ordered filed.

Other meetings will be held by the commissioners as follows: Thursday afternoon, at which time a conference will be held with State Highway Engineer G. W. Borden in considering road projects in this county; Friday afternoon, when bids will be opened for the purchase of twelve dump wagons to be assembled for use on Humboldt county's thoroughfares.

Judge W. T. Roberts, Golconda jurist, is out of the hospital today for the first time in about three weeks. His friends are greeting him with cordial assurances of well wishing. The judge pays a splendid tribute to the hospital service furnished in the Winnemucca institution and recommends the ministrations put forward there as the best to be obtained.

## GOLCONDA CLAIMS BEST AUTO CAMP

Business Men Combine to Make Most Attractive and Convenient Auto Tourist Camp Ground in Nevada

T. B. Curley, in charge of the E. Reinhart Company store in Golconda, spent yesterday in this city on business matters connected with the store enterprise. Discussing new Golconda subjects, he said:

"Golconda residents have united to mature what will undoubtedly be Nevada's most attractive auto tourist camp ground. It is true the marts of the little town are limited in number and public improvement expenditure falls heavily on the few, yet the single community ambition at this time is to create a spot that will form incentive for the tourists to add mileage to the day's drive in order to dwell in our midst for a brief period.

"As most Nevadans know, Golconda has the best hot springs resort in the state, the waters having pronounced medicinal values. The project in hand contemplates the piping of water to the camp grounds being established, and camp houses are being erected which will be unique in that each will be equipped with a fireplace where auto travelers may cook after their own fashion.

"Splendid shade surrounds the camp grounds and nearby are the pools and shower bathhouses and hotel, and the several advantages to be offered will, I am certain, combine to make the Golconda camp grounds far famed in due season. Of course, the present extraordinary efforts must be accepted as evidence that Golconda business men want the trade that will come from an outlay of the sort and they also want the advertising that comes from favorable word of mouth spoken in the uttermost parts by those who will pass along the Victory highway. This form of publicity is admittedly effective and Golcondans are going to get a big share of it with the passing of time."

### Pulled Advertising Stunt—

Two men shackled together and parading the streets of Winnemucca yesterday made pedestrians wonder what was going on, but when the matter was closely investigated placards on their backs informed that Manager Ostler of the American theatre merely wanted to call attention to last night's film offering, "The City of Silent Men." It is said the picture is the best Thomas Meighan has yet appeared in and is of the "gripping" sort—the kind that is supposed to make folks leave their finger-nail prints in the woodwork of the theatre seats. Best information is that the picture had the desired effect upon the American audience last night.

District Judge J. A. Callahan left Sunday for Lovelock, where he is presiding over court matters. Among the matters receiving his attention in Pershing county is the empanelling of a jury to try E. L. (Tex) Holt, charged with the murder of his late wife some months ago.

The city council meeting scheduled for last night was postponed by suggestion of Mayor T. A. Brandon until next Monday evening.

## A MERICAN N THEATRE

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## INTERSCHOLASTIC TRACK MEETING

In Which Many Nevada Schools Will Be Represented Will Be Held in This City on May 20th; Many Will Attend

Winnemucca secured a signal honor last Saturday when at a meeting of western Nevada school heads in Reno it was selected as the place for holding the state high school track meeting, sponsored by a new organization known as the Nevada Academic League. Principal J. D. Scott of the Humboldt county high school was named as secretary of the league. Principal Williams of Virginia City high school is president.

The meeting will be held at the high school grounds in this city on May 20 and will furnish competition in which eleven state high school student bodies will have athletic representation. All of the regular interscholastic track events will be provided. Decision to vary past practice wherein Reno has always been the scene of similar meetings was arrived at in a conference held by state school authorities during the high school basketball tournament held in Reno during the closing days of last week. Prof. Scott initiated the movement and in recognition of his activities Winnemucca secured the coveted designation.

In addition to Winnemucca high school, other high schools in the state will be represented here as follows: Yerington, Fallon, Gardnerville, Virginia City, Sparks, Lovelock, Elko, Reno, Battle Mountain, Wells and Dayton. The program of events will consume the entire day of May 20.

Many visitors are expected in this city as a result of the attractions offered and Principal Scott estimates that the total number will be at least two hundred, including the athletic representation that will attend. All outside residents will spend a day and a night here and preparations have already been set afoot for the care of the crowd. This objective will be encompassed by placing cots in the high school, and meals will be provided there. Benefitting from past observations Prof. Scott has decided to make it feasible for coaches and their charges to spend their time together and this is to be made possible in the manner recited. Meals will be served by members of the Winnemucca Mothers' Club and the Civic Club.

The track meeting will also be made an occasion when school authorities and ambitious youngsters from many parts of the state will get together and engage in happy discussion of problems that relate to high schools wherever they are. Prof. Scott also proposes to have as guests of honor at the track meeting all youngsters within Humboldt county who are to graduate the eighth grade with the close of the present year. He hopes in this way to inculcate interest in the minds of the county's youth relative to the splendid high school maintained by the taxpayers of this county and special deference is to be paid the young visitors.

The hearty co-operation of the town's business interests is to be solicited on behalf of the big school events and the Humboldt County Chamber of Commerce will lend a hand in entertaining the visitors from a distance. The value attaching to a general attendance of representative people from many state communities cannot be overestimated, and if the business interests of Winnemucca sense the situation aright they will turn to and to the last man, woman and child, be gracious hosts on May 20, which can thus be made the greatest gala day in local school history.

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## CITY AUTHORITIES PLAN CIVIC WORK

Will Install Additional Facilities to Provide for Fire Fighting and Proposed Improvements to Be Made at Once

Winnemucca's executive heads are planning to expend approximately \$1500 on needed additions to the city's fire fighting equipment. Joe Rougon, in charge of the city's equipment, will leave within the next few days for San Francisco, where he will make purchases in anticipation of performing the work contemplated. Among the appurtenances to be bought will be sixteen non-freeze fire hydrants to take the place of others of an obsolete type that have given considerable trouble during the past winter. Materials necessary to the installation of a half dozen sewer manholes will also be purchased by Mr. Rougon during his stay on the coast.

The financial outlay involved is deemed fully justified by the members of the council, who plan to institute the projected work as soon as the frost is out of the ground, thus allowing of dirt moving.

Mayor T. A. Brandon has issued the command that ex-service men be given the preference in the awarding of municipal jobs in this city and instructions have been issued that the commander of the local post, American Legion, shall be asked for names of veterans available for tasks involved in the prosecution of city work. It is the purpose of the council, said Mr. Brandon today, to fully comply with the exact spirit of the state law, enacted by the 1919 legislature, which commands public officials in Nevada to maintain a policy of preference for war veterans in giving employment on every form of public work.

### DEMURRER OVERRULED IN PEDROLI ESTATE MATTER

After a thorough argument by counsel, lasting all day Saturday and until 9:30 o'clock that evening, District Judge J. A. Callahan overruled a demurrer in the case of Mary E. Cooney and Julius Pedrolis vs. Mrs. Louise Corresco, "sometimes called Mrs. Louise Pedrolis," and gave defendants thirty days in which to enter further answer to the complaint. The action was originally based on the allegation that Charles Pedrolis held two-thirds of an estate valued at \$45,000 in trust for plaintiffs. To this defendant demurred on the ground of lack of diligence and the statute of limitations. Attorney T. A. Brandon represented Mrs. Cooney and Mr. Pedrolis, while Mrs. Corresco was represented by Warren & Hawkins, and Cheney, Price, Hawkins and Lunsford of Reno.

### Off for Beer Land—

County Agent J. W. Wilson of this city, E. E. Scott, state university dairy specialist of Reno, and County Agent Brennan of Elko will form a party leaving this state probably Thursday for east central Wisconsin, where dairy stock purchases will be made for distribution throughout this state. It is thought that five cars of splendid stock will be thus introduced into this state from the famous Wisconsin dairying centers. Mr. Wilson, being a celibate, probably has designs upon the young womanhood of Wisconsin as well and subrosa channels has it that he has promised certain Humboldt county love-sick swains a ruddy-cheeked Swiss milkmaid with each lot of stock apportioned.

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## S. S. CHEMICAL CO. MADE NEW PLANS

New Officers Named and a Program Outlined at Big Meeting That Will Govern All Business Activities in Future

Stockholders of the Silver State Chemical Company met at the Bridge street offices of the company yesterday and named new officers as follows: W. P. Stephenson, president; H. K. Davis, vice-president; George B. Williams, general manager; L. E. Sowers, chemist and acting secretary; M. Reinhart, treasurer. Others named to round out the directorate are E. H. Gilman of this city and Wm. J. Foister of Elko.

Fixed plans for the future were matured and the stockholders elected to leave the matter of further financing the company to the discretion of the board of directors. Preferred stock or mortgage bonds will be offered investors and back of the collateral to be sold are assets of a value of approximately \$40,000. Included within the assets is the splendid fire-proof building in the eastern environs of this city which is ready for the installation of needed machinery. The mechanical equipment to be installed to make the big plant complete will cost, it is asserted, in the neighborhood of \$45,000. Incentive is given to making this money outlay through the fact that an ore tonnage and chemical output is assured that will keep the plant running day and night for many years. The capacity of the plant to be installed will approximate 125 tons of ore each twenty-four hour period.

The resume given yesterday recited that despite adverse financial conditions public spirited Winnemuccans and others have been enabled to bring the project to a fifty per cent stage of completion and a nucleus has been acquired that will make mortgage bond or preferred stock offerings highly attractive to the prudent investor. As a result of the accomplishments of the past year a renewed interest has taken firm hold of the conversant mind and there is every likelihood that the plans set afoot yesterday will be matured quickly and without great effort.

The person of analytical turn of mind will be quick to understand the auspiciousness of the Winnemucca industrial enterprise. This is the natural entrepot for a mining territory of immense size and it is from here that the wealth of the ledges of northern and eastern Nevada are to be reclaimed from the ores that abound and need only the facilities to be provided to make their conversion entirely feasible. Hitherto prohibitive freight rates and other untoward exactions have combined to bear down very heavily upon mining enterprise in this part of Nevada.

Duane Bush left last night for San Francisco and Fresno, Calif., where he will visit relatives and friends and transact business affairs. He will be absent about a week.

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